

MPKV HAPPENINGS

July, 2017



Vanmahotsav and Krishi Din organized



July 1, 2017. *Vanmahotsav* and *Krishi Din* was organized at MPKV, Rahuri. *Krishi Din* is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister of Maharashtra late Vasant Rao Naik. Dr. V. P. Chahal, ADG (Agril. Extension), ICAR, New Delhi was the chief guest for the function organized on this occasion. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Dr. Chahal highlighted the importance of trees for maintaining ecological balance. Conservation of this biodiversity is very much needed for clean environment, he opined. He expressed the need for more research and extension on agroforestry. Hence, public and private institutions may join hands for this purpose. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address said that we need to maintain a ratio of 33 per cent forests for environmental safeguard. But the proportion is sinking day by day which is a cause of concern. Thus, henceforth each individual should at least plant one tree and conserve it, he said. He said that the university has planned to involve the students in tree plantation by giving them five saplings each which they would maintain during their stay in the campus or college. Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ATARI, Pune also addressed the gathering. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education gave the introductory remarks. Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research briefed about the event. Mr. Vinayak Manmadkar, Mr. G. K. Ghorpade, Registrar, Mr. Vijay Kote, Comptroller, Associate Deans Dr. J. V. Patil, Dr. D. D. Pawar, Dr. V. D. Shende, ADR, staff and students were present for the function. Dr. B. D. Bhakre anchored the programme, while, Dr. P. B. Kharde proposed thanks. Around 60,000 saplings were planted during the *Vanmahotsav*.

DDG (Agril. Extension), ICAR, New Delhi visits ICAR Farmer FIRST Programme village

July 22, 2017. Dr. A. K. Singh, Deputy Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi visited the demonstrations organized at Chinchvhihri village of ICAR Farmer FIRST programme of MPKV, Rahuri. Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VIII, Pune, Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, MPKV, Rahuri, Dr. P. B. Kharde, Principle Investigator of the project, scientists and farmers were present during this occasion. In his address Dr. Singh said that the rural youths and farm women need to take various enterprises like nursery, processing of farm produce, poultry, fishery etc. which will assist in doubling of farmers income. He applauded the Integrated Farming System module of the university which is to be implemented in the programme village. He stressed the need for effective transfer of technology and market linkages through ICT tools. Entrepreneurship of young farmers could be achieved through ARAYA programme, he said. Dr. Kokate in his presidential address focused on strengthening



the linkages and convergence for giving more benefits to the participant farmers. He hoped that the programme would be implemented in a science mode with participatory approach. Skill and Leadership development of rural youth especially to Group leaders will be considered in the project and called for branding of farm produce. Dr. Lakhan Singh in his remarks said that the new technologies developed by the NARES system will be implemented through this project. Support to the landless would be given through backyard poultry and hoped that the interventions would certainly benefit the farmers. At the outset Dr. P. B. Kharde, PI of the project briefed about the agro-eco system analysis of the village and the interventions to be undertaken in the programme. Soil health cards, chicks of *Gram Priya* breed of poultry, improved implements like cycle hoe, publications and Identity cards were provided to the farmers and Group leaders during the programme. Dr.S.S.Sadaphal, Co-PI anchored the programme, while, Dr. S. D. Patil, Co-PI proposed thanks. The dignitaries visited the demonstration plots of Bajra (*Dhanshakti* variety), pomegranate orchard (*Super Bhagwa* variety), farm pond, cattle project and biodynamic compost unit of the farmers. Farmers and farm women were present for the programme in large number.

National Conference on Emerging Library organized



July 20-21, 2017. A National Conference on Emerging Library, Information Science and Technologies was inaugurated at Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri. The inaugural programme was presided over by Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri. The Chief Guest Dr. M. B. Chetti, Assistant Director General (HRD), ICAR, New Delhi, Guest of Honour Dr. C. Dev Kumar, Ex-Assistant Director General (Education), ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. K. Veeranjanyula, President, AALDI, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Mr. G. K. Ghorpade, Registrar, Mr.

Vijay Kote, Comptroller, Prof. Prakash Shinde, University Librarian and Organizing Secretary and Mr. K. N. Patil, Dy. Librarian were present on the dais. In his presidential address Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha highlighted the role of library in the progress of the university. He said that library is a temple which enriches our knowledge. Learning is a continuous process and hence he urged the faculty and students to make regular use of the library. Dr. M. B. Chetti, ADG (HRD) in his address said that the ICAR has supported the libraries to the tune of Rs. 142 crore during the XIIth

five year plan period. Library is important for repository and data maintenance. Reforms, performance and transformation are a must for bringing changes, he said. Dr. C. Dev Kumar, Ex-ADG (Education) in his address called upon the libraries to take the concept of Digital scholarship, Digital Humanities, MOCS, collaborative KOSH and Student Movement programmes. Upgradation of library staff on emerging issues is very much needed, he said. Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, F/A gave the introductory and welcome remarks. The Conference Souvenir and CD were released during the function. University Librarian Prof. Prakash Shinde was felicitated on this occasion for his superannuation and contribution to library. Prof. Vivian Thomas anchored the programme, while, Prof. Prakash Shinde expressed thanks. Delegates from fifteen states participated in the two day conference.

Visit of ADG (Agril. Extension), ICAR, New Delhi to ICAR FFP village



July 2, 2017. A Farmers Rally and Demonstration visit of ICAR Farmer FIRST programme of MPKV, Rahuri was organized in presence of Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri, Dr. V. P. Chahal, ADG (AE), ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VIII, Pune and Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, MPKV, Rahuri at village Chichvihire, Tal. Rahuri, Dist. Ahmednagar. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in his presidential address hoped for a successful model of Integrated Farming Systems through the project. This will provide the farmers with an assured sustainable income.

Doubling of farmers income in the coming five years is a challenge before us and we have to achieve it through these efforts, he said. Dr. V. P. Chahal, ADG (AE), ICAR, New Delhi in his address said that the ICAR is implementing the Farmer FIRST programme at 52 locations across the country. Agroforestry is an important component which needs to be looked upon by the farmers, he said. He hoped that the feedback on technological interventions of this project will assist the scientists for further improvement. The scientists-farmers interface will certainly boost the farmers confidence. Dr. Lakhan Singh while guiding the farmers said that the local agroecological system should be considered while designing the programme. The observations on demonstrations are very much essential at each stage, he said. He further opined that documentation of project activities is needed for success of the programme. Dr. K. D. Kokate in his remarks stressed the need for effective linkages between SAU and Development departments for the benefit of farmers. He highlighted the women's role in agriculture and called for drudgery reduction through improved tools and implements. He also focused on the need for value addition and post harvest technology of agriculture produce. At the outset Dr. P. B. Kharde, Principle Investigator of the project briefed about the interventions to be undertaken in the programme. Critical inputs like seed of Vipula variety of red gram, biofertilizers, cycle hoe, setts of fodder of Phule Jaywant of different interventions and publications were provided to the farmers during the programme. Dr. B. A. Deshmukh, Co-PI anchored the programme, while, Dr. S. S. Sadaphal, Co-PI proposed thanks.

MOU signed between MPKV and AMMFA

July 7, 2017. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between MPKV, Rahuri and Agriculture Microorganisms Manufacturers and Farmers Association (AMMFA), Nasik for collaborative research, production and registration of bio-pesticides and bio-fertilizers. In his presidential address Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha hoped



and Dr. Waghchaure signed the MoU for their respective institutes. Dr. C. D. Deokar, Head, Department of Plant Pathology gave the welcome and introductory remarks, while, Dr. S. B. Kharbade, Head, Department of Entomology expressed thanks. Dr. A. M. Navale anchored the programme.

XIIth Annual Review Meeting of ICAR Seed Project organized



that more agricultural entrepreneurs should come forward for agri business and work for the benefit of farmers. Awareness regarding bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides is required among farmers. Soil health sustainability is an important issue which needs to be addressed, he said. Agricultural entrepreneurs need to look on quality assurance of organic products, he added. Dr. D. R. Waghchaure, President, AMMFA briefed about the activities of the Association and hoped that the MoU would assist in organic farming. Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research put forth the benefits of bio-pesticides which are ecofriendly and help to reduce the cost of production. Dr. Patil and Dr. Waghchaure signed the MoU for their respective institutes. Dr. C. D. Deokar, Head, Department of Plant Pathology gave the welcome and introductory remarks, while, Dr. S. B. Kharbade, Head, Department of Entomology expressed thanks. Dr. A. M. Navale anchored the programme.

July 29-30, 2017. The XIIth Annual Review Meeting of ICAR Seed Project- Seed Production in Agricultural Crops (2016-17) was organized by MPKV, Rahuri in co-ordination with Indian Institute of Seed Science, Mau (U. P.) in the university. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha while guiding the scientists hoped for co-ordination between SAUs and various seed agencies for higher seed production. He highlighted MPKV's contribution in pomegranate and chickpea. Dr. D. K. Yadav, ADG (Seed), ICAR, New Delhi in his chief guest address sought for good seed production through village seed programme. All SAUs and seed production centres should

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